

Bishop C.H. Mason, Founder 1907

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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FOUNDER'S DAY SEPTEMBER 3-6, LEXINGTON



The saints will be gathering from all over the country and celebrating the life of founding bishop, C.H. Mason. Presiding Bishop Ford is driving home the point that C.H. Mason's contributions to God, this Church and to the people in general should never be forgotten. He envisions a reawakening of our past traditions of holiness and a much needed revival of immense spiritual proportions. He recently toured the grounds of the soon to be reopened Saints Campus and took many general church officials on a nostalgic trip. He reflected personally that on those grounds he worked and helped to build buildings, planted hedges and poured sidewalks. He spoke with great passion about the sacrifice that Dr. Mallory and the early saints made to build a school for the Church Of God In Christ.

Now a new opportunity through his leadership has come to the organization to once again establish a school to educate and train our youth. He took the delegation on a site seeing tour of the home, and the surrounding land our Church recently purchased. The land is adjacent to the school and sits on the main highway. The red brick home has been designated as the Saints Executive House. Bishop invited the saints and others to inspect the place. Word got around Lexington that Bishop and dozens of saints were

On top of a bulldozer, Bishop Ford shares the view: l to r, Elder Butler, Elder Steve Jamison, general contractor, Bishop J. Sherman, Banker, Mr. Ellis, Bishop Ford, Bishop T.T. Scott, general superintendent and Bishop S.L. Green, general board member.



Dr. Donald Wheelock talks with Bishop Ford about renovating portions of Faith Hall. Dr. Ellis listens intently.

in town, and the Mayor came over to welcome the saints. Mrs. Fannie Corthan is a fine mayor and supporter of the Bishop's program. The president of Holmes County Bank, Mr. Ellis also stopped by and gave the saints a greeting. The Church Of God In Christ is doing big business in Lexington, and the people are buzzing about the progress. From the executive quarters the saints walked to Faith Hall. Bishop Ford

commented how he and the student body labored along side Dr. Mallory to build the facilities. With great resolve he commented that the school will be re-opened.

He lead the saints into Kelly Chapel and introduced some of the men who will be responsible for building the multi-purpose building. He introduced a former Saints student, Mr. Oscar Bacon, the chief architect, Pastor Steve Jamison, chief contractor and builder, and Bishop T.T. Scott who will serve as the general superintendent of the building project. Bishop W.L. Porter and Elder A.Z. Hall will serve as coordinators through the national office. Bishop Ford is assembling our Church's best in order to build the most practical and usable building we can. These men all love and know the Church Of God In Christ. This building will be a first for our generation. Our generation has built some very beautiful edifices and ministries, but not one building for the national organization. Now this modern day Nehemiah, Bishop L.H. Ford, is taking the organization in another direction. He then invited the total delegation to follow him up the hill where the building will be constructed. During the Founder's Week activity a ground breaking ceremony will be conducted. September 6, 1991 will become a very historic day in the life of the Church Of God In Christ.

All saints able to attend this historic Founder's Day celebration are encouraged to come. The best of hotel accommodations possible are being prepared, and transportation from Jackson shall be available. There will be two services daily, one offering a seminar and the latter an old time revival. There will be good music and outstanding preaching. The grounds are in excellent condition and everyone in attendance will see the vision unfolding before their very eyes.

For the people who cannot attend, the Presiding Bishop has made it possible for them to play a significant role. All pastors are asked to collect a special Founder's Day offering Sunday, August 25, 1991, and give it to the jurisdictional bishop. These funds will go to off set expenses and help continue the building program. The time is now for the saints to rally around the vision or our leader and plan to attend the celebration and the ground breaking.

The theme of the celebration will be "The Man, C.H. Mason, Greatly Used Of God: Celebrating a Living Heritage." If you like to be involved in the latest and greatest, then you can't miss Lexington this time.

INDIANA HOSTS 16TH UNAC-5

Indianapolis, Indiana a city with tall buildings, clean streets and easy living played host to the Church Of God In Christ, and the 16th Annual United Auxiliaries National Convention. Bishop F.E. Perry, chairman of the massive convention and the five family auxiliaries were ready to receive the saints and provide the usual high degree of seminar curriculum and worship. The departments, Evangelism, Missions, Music, youth and Sunday School welcomed their respective delegations and the general delegates from around the country. UNAC is the main organizational training and business convention for the departments, where the skills, talents and abilities to serve the Lord through auxiliary ministries are enhanced. The theme this year was "The Gospel For Turbulent Times." July 1-6, 1991 will long be remembered in the "Hoosier State"



F. E. Perry, Chairman of UNAC.

as the saints quite possibly discovered how to define the term "Hoosier".

This UNAC was possibly the most convenient of conventions the delegates ever experienced.

All the main hotels and convention facilities were located within a two block area. The walking distance was made pleasant with the beautiful scenery and the downtown stores. Indianapolis is known worldwide as the home of the famous Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. The classic race was not the order of the day, but city officials and citizens alike received the saints with warmest greetings. The host bishops, Bishop Oscar Freeman, Honorary Host, Second Jurisdiction Indiana, Bishop Milton L. Hall, First Jurisdiction Indiana Co-Host and Bishop John T. Dupree, Third Jurisdiction Indiana Co-Host provided first class treatment for the nearly 20,000 delegates who enjoyed one great meeting.

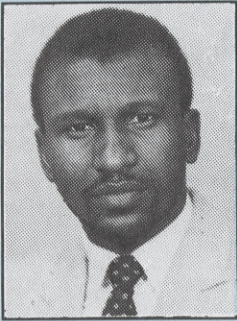
For the delegates attending the UNAC, they were treated to some fine preaching and worship

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EDITORIAL

Does Bishop Ford Deserve Our Support?



Dr. David Hall

As I reflected over the current events in the life of the Church Of God In Christ, it became very apparent that things are in a definite pattern of progress. In a very positive way the Church has been reawakened to certain vital realities, that considered properly, the saints everywhere should get behind the Presiding

Bishop with all we have.

One outstanding reality is that this organization needs to shape its own destiny. The Church Of God In Christ has always worked diligently before the world creating an image and shaping her destiny in ministry. This church organization grew quicker than most and has maintained its fundamental flavor. Considering that the pure appeal of the Pentecostal message was readily accepted, it helped many individuals become free from religious form and fashion, and allowed them free expression and spiritual growth, thereby causing the Church to grow very quickly. Then there was Bishop C.H. Mason, who became for many the embodiment of what he preached and people understood the living reality of holiness. The Church Of God In Christ burst upon the social religious scene with power and wonder. Through that power the converts left the plow and the cotton field for the pulpit and never doubted their abilities nor their call. The pioneers of this Church forged out an organization that soon became an institution among others. Now this generation must renew the legacy and build in brick and mortar the evidence of our character.

Now in 1991, the people have a leader who is steeped in the tradition of the pioneers of old. He has seen new and broader horizons upon which to erect a bigger and better Church Of God In Christ. There is nothing too large nor certainly nothing too small for him to do. He is a roughic individualist, but understands the necessity of training and preparing leaders to help in the vision. For him seeing and developing future possibilities are most relevant. In a very short time he has established a proven track record, bold works, diligent effort and relating vision to power, in an unprecedented way. There

is a newness of spirit and the attitude of "can do" in the will of the people. Bishop Ford deserves the credit for embracing potentiality and shaping pieces of success from its slippery and chaotic essence.

One may say what has he done? This leader has the qualities of Nehemiah. He recently restored Mason Temple to a grand and stately position. The basic necessities of clean and functioning toilets has been solved, as it relates to the condition of the temple. Small problem you say? No, put 5000 people in the building and have a lack of functional rest rooms and things become problematic. He dignified and re-dedicated the grave site of the founder, and provided a showcase of true beauty for the world to behold. Bishop Ford has given our venerable temple a face lift and made the grounds the very picture of class. In Little Rock, Arkansas he captured the imagination of the saints by taking the delegation of the Holy Ghost Conference to the site where God gave the name Church Of God In Christ to C.H. Mason. Government officials allowed us to dedicate the spot and soon it will become an official landmark.

He renovated the home of the founder and made it usable for this generation of executive officers. He purchased land and is reclaiming the heritage of the pioneers in Lexington, Mississippi. He has envisioned the potential of using the downtown properties for housing senior citizens. In the same breath, he has determined that feasibility studies must accompany every move, so not to create disaster while attempting to make progress. He has extended the commission for the gathering and writing of a comprehensive history of the Church Of God In Christ. Lastly, he has dared to build a building in Lexington, Mississippi and reopen a historic institution of real importance. From that piece of ground will spring a magnificent multi-purpose building.

The real challenge does not rest with Bishop Ford. The challenge is whether or not we will get behind him and follow the leader. Church leaders are often encumbered by the slow to respond nature of members and the doom sayers that attend services regularly. His unfolding vision is being realized and he therefore deserves our support, our prayers and anything else we can muster.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP SPEAKS



"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."
I Thessalonians 5:23-24

Holy greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

This is a most wonderful time to be alive and working for the Lord. My schedule has taken me across the country meeting and talking to the saints and I am finding that the people of the Lord everywhere share my excitement.

As I have gone throughout the country God has inspired me to do and say many things. While ministering in the recent UNAC meeting, I was inspired to call every father and son and all young men and boys to the stage of the Indianapolis Convention Center. God then moved upon me to have the bishops of the Church to go out among the men and lay hands upon them asking God to save our men and boys from destruction. Although we live in difficult times, we want them to know God is able to keep and preserve them.

We are looking forward to the Founder's Week celebration which has been planned for September 3-6, 1991, in Lexington, Mississippi. In addition to the seminars and great gospel preaching and singing, we are planning the ground breaking for the Deborah Mason Patterson/Arenia C. Mallory Multi-Purpose Building. The site has been selected, the plans drawn, the permit to build granted and all testing finished.

I thank God for the General Board, the Chairman of the General Assembly, the Board of Bishops, the Elder's Council, the Board of Trustees and our General Supervisor and the other officers of the Church who have supported me in the work. Without their cooperation and the spirit of unity we have, we could not be successful. God being our help, we will see the doors of our beloved school opened again in September of 1992.

To help us continue the work we have started, I am asking every pastor to receive a special offering in memory of our sainted founding father, Bishop C.H. Mason, on Sunday, August 25, 1991, and send it immediately to your Bishop so that he can report it at Lexington. Gifts can also be sent directly to our office at P.O. Box 320, Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

Your Chief Servant,
Bishop L.H. Ford +

GENERAL BOARD REVIEWS GROUND BREAKING IN LEXINGTON



L to r: Bishop L.R. Anderson, S.L. Green, Roy L.H. Winbush, J.N. Haynes, Presiding Bishop Ford, 1st Asst. C.D. Owens, 2nd Asst. C.L. Anderson, O.T. Jones, Jr., P.A. Brooks and C.E. Blake.

The General Board of Bishops poses with Bishop L.H. Ford holding an artist rendition of the proposed Deborah Mason Patterson/Arenia C. Mallory Multi-Purpose Building while attending the UNAC-5 in Indianapolis. The building will be the center piece of the Presiding Bishop's building program and major point in the scheduled reopening of the Saints College in Lexington, Mississippi. The building will sit upon a wooded hill and cover 49,000 square feet of space. The building will feature offices, class rooms, dining hall and kitchen. This will enable the school to reopen and begin the education of second chance students.

Working diligently with the Presiding Bishop is the entire general board. Many of them will be attending the Founder's Week celebration in Lexington, Mississippi, this September 3 - 6, 1991. Bishop Mason as born September 8, 1866,

and Bishop Ford desires all the saints to celebrate that date. Ground breaking services will be held during that week. The theme of the week will be, "The Man, C.H. Mason, Greatly Used of God: Celebrating a Living Heritage." There will be singing, preaching and fellowship under a big tent. Two services will be conducted daily, 12:00 noon and later in the evening at 7:30 p.m. All of this activity will move the saints a step closer to the reopening of the school.

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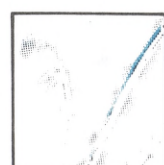
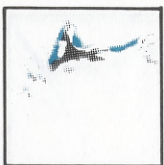
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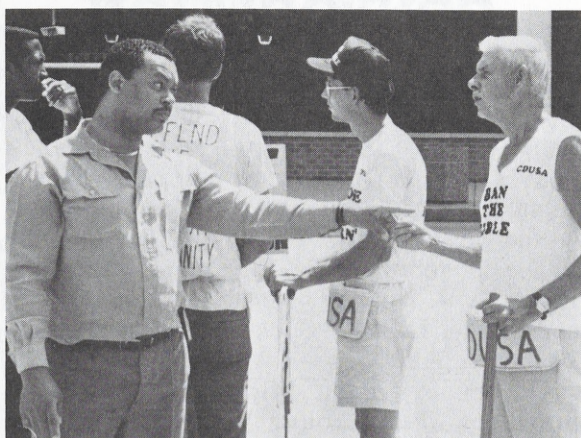
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YOUTH PUT ANTI-CHRIST TO FLIGHT



During the UNAC-5 in Indianapolis, a group of really strange (different) visitors attended the convention. These people came to the convention to exercise their rights of assembly and free speech. The constitution of this great land grants them permission to say anything they desire on public property, even the anti-Christ. These anti-Christian persons marched in front of the Convention Center entrances shouting protests about the Christian faith. They carried signs which supported banning the Bible, put downs on Christ, and ridicule of the Church.

Early that day, a couple of local brothers saw the demonstration and questioned why anyone

would want to do our saints like that. Their replies were many, but basically reflected an anti-Christian attitude. The shouts of "Ban the Bible," and "Christianity is spiritual abortion" upset a lot of people. While they handed out their tracts, it was finally determined the group was called the Committee on Decency in the USA. It took the crowd only a little while to find out these men were confused on mostly every Christian issue. Most adults left saying "we shall pray for you people."

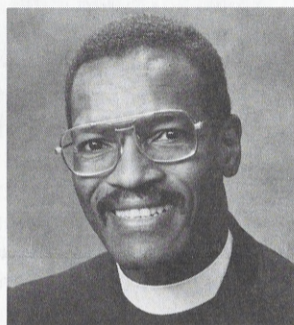
Down into the day, the Youth of UNAC got tired of being at peace with the devil. Saints don't physically fight so the Lord did the fighting. A small group of youth, ages 14-20 encircled the demonstrators and started singing gospel songs. Before long, the group became quite large and the youth started praying and singing even more. The protestors started to get nervous and the power of God took over. Evil men who felt they could buffalo the convention with signs and hand outs found themselves doing spiritual battle with the saint's children. The protestors dropped their signs and got into their automobiles and drove away. Once again the Lord proved satan had no real power among his people.

The entire UNAC was godly proud of the way our leaders and the youth handled the whole situation.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRST MAKES RECORD REPORT!



Bishop Ford



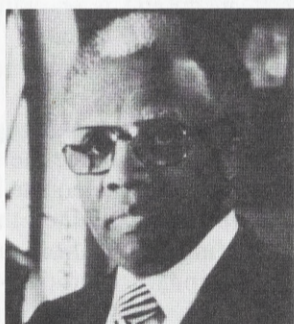
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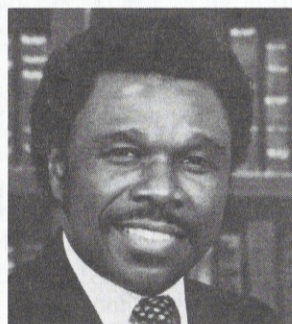
Bishop Scott



Bishop Clemmons



Bishop James



Bishop Haynes

Bishop Charles E. Blake, prelate of the Southern California First Jurisdiction and his supervisor of women, Mother Barbara Lewis turned in a record \$133,724.86 report. As the bishop read the figures, it was generally thought that his report would be difficult to match. The jurisdiction from the "Golden State" led the way in outstanding fashion. Bishop Blake is renown over this nation as a top flight administrator and preacher. Add to the mix that he is a pastor of the largest congregation in our communion, it is all the more outstanding that he guides possibly the largest jurisdiction likewise. The large report

made it evident that Southern California is Church Of God In Christ country.

The general church is pleased that Southern California First is situated and functioning as it is. Their report encourages other jurisdictions to strive toward a higher mark. In the world we face, the need for properly financed ministry is crucial.

There were other stars shining with Southern California during the April reporting. Pictured are the top seven reporting jurisdictional prelates. Also listed are their reports of \$50,000 and more.

JURISDICTION

Calif. So. First
Illinois First
Louisiana First
Mississippi North
New York East First
Ohio North
Texas Northeast First

PRELATE

Bishop C.E. Blake
Bishop L.H. Ford
Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush
Bishop T.T. Scott
Bishop Ithiel Clemmons
Bishop Willie James
Bishop J.N. Haynes

AMOUNT

\$133,724.86
73,220.00
53,293.50
51,012.00
50,533.00
50,160.00
50,100.00

SORRY, OUR MISTAKE

The Whole Truth mistakenly misprinted the 1991 national assessment for Jurisdictional Administrative Assistants. Those holding that office are only assessed \$400.00 and not \$500.00 as posted.

Editor

ITC STARTS AN ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

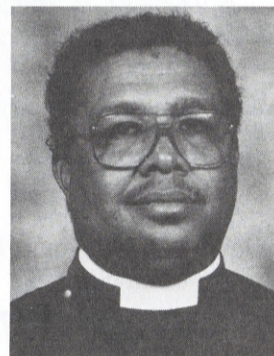
In an attempt to meet the rising need for clergy in the coming century, the Interdenominational Theological Center is conducting a series of enlistment planning meetings around the country. Dr. Patricia Mason, a Mason Theological Seminary graduate, and the staff of the ITC are planning to enlist potential candidates for ministry. The program will invite the influence of graduates and former students from the six member schools to spotlight those individuals who could be potential candidates for the ministry.

By year 2000, it is projected that nearly 50% of all clergy will have to be replaced due to age and death of the current ministers. Finding qualified and inspired candidates is critical in order to meet what could be a devastating short fall. Dr. James Costen, president of the seminary has commissioned this group and with the aid of an Eli Lilly Endowment grant, the seminary seeks to put a dent in what could be a potential problem.

Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee were representatives of each denomination and staff from the seminary. Serving the planning committee for the Church Of God In Christ are Dr. Patricia Mason, Office of ITC Enlistment, Dr. David Hall, Editor of The Whole Truth newspaper and Dr. Oliver J. Haney, Dean of Mason Theological Seminary.

There will be a series of meetings planned for enlistment of candidates around the country. This series of meetings could easily come into your area. For information watch announcements in the newspaper. At these enlistment meetings one will hear brilliant scholarly lectures on relevant theological subjects and preaching from some of the rising ministers in the country. Of course, come and learn about the potential of becoming a graduate student at one of America's best theological seminaries: ITC.

BISHOP FORD KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT INAUGURAL BANQUET



for
BISHOP
O.L. MEADOWS,
ALABAMA FIRST
JURISDICTION

The table is spread and the feast of the Lord is going on" typified the setting as our National Prelate, Bishop Louis Henry Ford electrified those present at Alabama First jurisdiction Inaugural Banquet for the recently appointed Bishop O.L. Meadows.

As Bishop Ford gave information about his own background, he also gave historical perspective on pioneers in the Church Of God In Christ. He elaborated on how humility, concern for others, capable leadership, sustained and supportive service were the attributes noted in Bishop Meadows for his appointment to the bishopric. He indicated that we must face the challenge of the future with our minds focused: "I can do all things through Christ."

Bishop Ford captivated the saints with the Word of God and stirred an atmosphere which was revivalistic at the Harbert Center in Birmingham. He personalized the scriptures with clarity and drew parallels from his own life and the life of Bishop Meadows.

With charismatic poise, thankfulness to God, and recognition of his supporters, Bishop Meadows responded: "I am not asking what the Church can do for me, but what I can do for the Church."

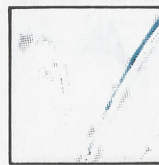
We were favored to have present Bishop F.E. Perry, Dr. J. O. Haney, and Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush as a most winsome toastmaster. There was a supportive crowd of approximately five hundred friends and well wishers were in attendance.

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UNAC-5 SCHOLASTIC MOTIVATION WINNERS



North Georgia Jurisdiction Bible Bowl Champions.

Elder O.T. Massey, executive director of the Church Of God In Christ Scholastic Motivation Ministry and his fine staff of workers conducted its annual awards banquet. Youth of various talents and skills from around the country competed on a national level to determine the best our Church has to offer. The week long activities annually ends with the awards banquet, where both winners and others are honored. The banquet was held at the fabulous Indiana Roof Ballroom.

The event was a gala that offered both parents and youth an opportunity to eat and fellowship together. The atmosphere was thick with laughter and conversation as the saints enjoyed a delicious meal and waited for the presentations to begin. In a day when youth are failing to develop or simply being more of a problem than ever, there are many good youth making worthy contributions. Their commitment to Christ, family values, and achieving success makes the most skeptical person happy.

Bishop F.E. Perry, chairman of UNAC-5 greeted each winner as Sister Vera Martin, mistress of ceremonies, called the names of participants and winners alike. The bishop congratulated each winner and posed for a picture with each. A lovely trophy was awarded to the

winners. The youth all earned the recognition because of their efforts. Again a special honor is due the Bible Bowl Champions of 1991. The team from Northern Georgia won their fourth Bible Bowl competition. The committee was considering whether or not to retire the trophy because the Georgia Team has truly earned recognition. Their prelate is the Bishop J. Howard Dell of Atlanta, Georgia.

Competition winners are listed as follows: The Spelling Bee, Level I, Loran Fitz, Level II, Adjaye Dandridge, Level III, Trameika Mims. Runner ups in the Spelling Bee were Miriane Givens, Tenitra Williams, and Chris Blackmon. The Math and Computer Competition was won by Donald Knight. Tisa Stevenson, Chris Blackmon, and Joshua Moslen placed second through fourth. The Bible Bowl champions are North Georgia and the runner up was the First Illinois Jurisdiction. The oratorical contest was won by Janel Lisa Smith, while Donna Gay and Leonora Rogers placed second and third respectively. Miss UNAC was crowned and the lovely ladies were certainly a combination of beauty and brains. Ms. Rochelle Holmes was crowned Miss UNAC and Stephanie Hunt, Neketa Knight, Vikki Wallace and Angela Carter placed second through fourth runner up.

MIRACLE CHURCH

The saints of The Word of Deliverance COGIC in Decatur, Georgia (Metro Atlanta) are rejoicing, and for good reasons.

On May 19, 1991, the church had its mortgage burning celebration! Thanks and praises were given to God for the victory. The uniqueness of this matter surrounds the fact the church was purchased and paid for in less than five years. The church was founded and organized in the basement of the home of Elder Frank Daniel, his wife Missionary Pacita Daniel and five other persons were charter members.

After 3 months of anointed worship services at the Daniels' residence, Pastor Daniel and the parishioners embarked upon purchasing a church edifice. Initially, there were several denials for financing due to Word of Deliverance's short duration as an organized church family, and it's small membership. But, Pastor Daniel, Missionary Daniel and the entire church family kept the faith and continued to fast and pray for a miracle.

Finally, in August 1986, the financing for the church became a reality. However a \$50,000 down payment was required. The church family then about 20 adults strong was only able to raise \$35,000. Consequently, the church had to raise a \$15,000 balloon note within a 120 day period and at the same time pay the regular mortgage notes, utility bills, and other church expenses. It



Word of Deliverance COGIC.

was difficult at times, but by the grace of God, prayer, hard work and many sacrifices, the mission was accomplished.

God has wonderfully blessed Word of Deliverance. Pastor Daniel was elevated to District Superintendent of the Decatur District in the summer of 1990. He subsequently chose Missionary Leslie Graham (one of the initial members) as his District Missionary.

In addition to the above blessings, God has permitted us to extensively renovate our church. The church is continuously growing both spiritually and physically. The Word of Deliverance COGIC is in the Central Georgia Jurisdiction, under the leadership of the Honorable Bishop Chandler D. Owens, The First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ.

OREGON CONVOCATION

The State of Oregon's 47th Annual Holy Convocation of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction was hailed No. 1. It was deemed the best convocation to be remembered in McKinney Temple, the state headquarters located in Portland — the City of Roses.

The convocation week, July 8-14, was led by Bishop A.R. Hopkins, prelate of Oregon No. 1, and Mother Lula M. Cook, State Supervisor of Women.

On opening night, Missionary Josie Rice, president of the Young Women's Christian council, handed out numerous scholarships to deserving college students and high school graduates. The women's auxiliary (YWCC) put its money where its mouth was — singing the praises — of Oregon's youth department.

One of the main highlights of the convocation, was the attendance of Bishop Chandler D. Owens, who graced the services Wednesday night. Bishop Owens, First Assistant to the Presiding Bishop Louis H. Ford, told a near capacity audience not to be deterred by adversity. "There is room at the top — if you can stand the high altitude," Bishop Owens said. "We have the answer to the world's problems," explaining that the church must play a vital role in helping solve varied social as well as spiritual needs internationally. He added that people must keep the faith even in bad times. "Conflicting Faith," (I Kings 17:5) was the theme of Bishop Owens' message. When you know that you have done right, but things still go wrong, "Somebody needs to trouble Israel," he said.

Both Bishop Owens' message and Bishop Hopkins' official message "An Anchor In An Out-Of-Control World," (Hebrews 6:19) were up to date with the current problems that plague our communities. It had been reported that violence erupted by the showing of the movie "Boyz N the Hood," at theaters around the nation. Allegedly, people were shot in separate incidents at various locations in Southern California, and in the Chicago suburb of Riverdale, IL, a man was fatally shot after a midnight showing at a drive-in theater. The movie is showing in more than 800 theaters across the country.

"An anchor in an out-of-control world is what we need," Bishop Hopkins said. Similarly, Bishop Owens emphasized that people should work to address problems outside the Church — such as gangs, poverty and inadequate health care — as well as within. He explained that there is a problem with handing out positions and licenses in the Church. Missionary candidates are often unaware of their full duties to perform mission work. However, financial obligation is no mystery.

Bishop Owens said that candidates for missionary work should be required to do community work outside their licenses. Such work is required in New Jersey, he noted.

"How many street corners have you stood on?," suggesting broader directions for church work. "How many tracts have you passed out? Have you visited the sick, and the prisons? How many nappy heads have you combed?"

Bishop Owens also called for continuing prayers and support for Terrell Brandon, a first-round draft choice by the National Basketball Association's Cleveland Cavaliers, who also attended the convention. "First giving honor to God. Not just the Walker Temple, but all of the jurisdiction has been good to me," said Brandon. "I hope to become a better player to represent Oregon in Cleveland playing for the Cavaliers."

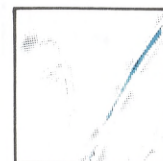
Brandon, who attended Grant High School and the University of Oregon, was raised by his parents, Elder Charles Brandon and Missionary Charlotte Brandon. They are all members of Walker Temple COGIC, where Elder Brandon is 2nd assistant pastor, to Pastor Mack L. Walker, Sr.

Also attending were bishops T.L. Westbrook of Tacoma, Washington, U.V. Peterson, W.G. Hardy and J.C. Foster, all of Oregon's Jurisdiction No. 2.

Submitted by: Dee J. Walker
Oregon First Jurisdiction



THE WHOLE TRUTH



UNAC-5 HAPPENINGS



Bishops go through the crowd of hundreds of young men to pray a special anointing upon them.



Sister LaBarbara Whitehead and Elder Stanley Cates award excellent talent daily at UNAC's Youth Talent Hour.



Dr. Mattie Clark listens to Pastor Rance Allen preaching.



Miss UNAC Rochelle Holmes is congratulated by Bishop F. E. Perry.

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE FOR OUR DAY?

by
Missionary Essie V. Styles
of
Macedonia Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
Hartford, CT

This message today relates to the issue that man is more than a physical being - Man is the creation of God. He is the very image of God. So without God he will never be satisfied. I must restate this fact-Without God he cannot and will not be satisfied!

The gospel message of Jesus Christ should be and is the most urgent and important message of today. Many preachers, evangelists, and teachers have lost their vision for the gospel of Jesus Christ! There are among us many that have substituted the message for modern day theories (psychology, sociology), that have no power to redeem man from sin, neither as the ability to give man that completeness in his life that only comes from one experiencing the precious Love of God through His son Jesus Christ.

As history records over 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the prophet Isaiah states in Isaiah 55: 1- "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah asked an evident question in verse 2 - "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" He seems to have looked upon the condition of the nation and saw man's hunger. Man wants to be satisfied, he has reached his ultimate that his physical nature could achieve, but he is not satisfied. The prophet does not leave

the nation without an answer. He specifically states in Isaiah 55:3, "Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." We must seek the Lord while he may be found, forsake our wicked ways, and thoughts, and return to God. Then, we shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

Man cannot, and I must repeat cannot with his ability, transform a guilty life of sin, worthy of the sentences of death into a guiltless life. Transforming is only by the blood of the crucified one; which takes all sinful stains of death from one and gives one the ability to live in this present world.

We that have experienced this transformed life are responsible to failing humanity to express and proclaim in every aspect of our lives, the unadulterated gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ. As Jesus commanded His disciples in St. Mark 16:15-18, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these things shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

In this age of modern technology, where man has successfully achieved all types of methods for achieving quick satisfaction to cover his problems, but in moral areas offers no real commitment to anybody or anything. Very few are really humbling themselves to the divine plan of God, by which others can take a hold. Man, is not God! Man cannot redeem! It takes the

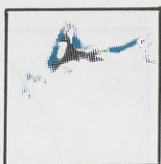
precious blood of Jesus!

We live in a nation of continuous crime and incurable diseases, hatred, killing, stealing and deceitfulness abound, and the love of many has waxed cold. Parents are in conflict with children, and children are continuously in conflict with parents. Unholiness in and among our people creates more homosexuality, lesbianism, adultery and fornication. The sin(s) of this nation have crept even into our churches. WE must cry against sin, no matter who it is in. We are responsible to keep the ordinances of God.

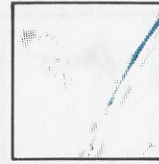
According to II Chronicles 7:14 after Solomon had offered the sacrifice, God entered by night and spoke promises that he himself would heal the land if Israel would pray. This promise remains the same today. Can the Church Of God In Christ return to our praying ground, our days of consecration before God, our fasting? Will we allow the enemy to steal our children, destroy our homes, communities and churches? Will we be content to relax upon our couches and garnish ourselves with the finery of this temporal life and lose our inheritance?

Can we go forth and deliver the message that gives eternal life? Or, will we continue to give a substitute of many tales that are told that only tries to justify man for his continual falling from the grace of God? God's grace is sufficient, He has the power to give man life, but only through one's faith in Jesus Christ. That is the living word of God, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Oh Lord, forgive us! We acknowledge our transgressions and entreat thee to come and heal us. We turn from our sins of omissions, and give our lives afresh to you!



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Looking through some discarded items, Bishop Ford vows to resurrect the school and its important history.



Mayor of Lexington, Mississippi, Mrs. Fannie Cothran gives words of encouragement to Bishop Ford and the saints.



Walking through the front gate, Bishop Ford, Chairman Frank Ellis, Elder F. Knight and Elder A.Z. Hall discuss proposed changes.



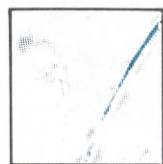
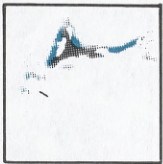
Presiding Bishop Ford and members of the General Assembly Executive Committee pose with children in front of the newly acquired Saints College Executive House.



Standing atop the hill and future site of the new building, Bishop J. Sherman leads the saints in prayer.



Bishop W.L. Porter and Elder A.Z. Hall assist the chief architect, Mr. Oscar Bacon with a review of the planned building. Mr. Bacon is a Saints graduate.



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teaching, the staffs of Dr. E.L. Battles, Bishop C.L. Moody, Dr. Mattie Clark, Bishop Charles Brewer and Bishop C.W. Williams were prepared with tangible instruction. Hopefully, the morning sessions of intense training will make the array of the local church ministries around the country more effective. There were all types of courses offered. The delegates were in the usual strait of trying to decide which classes to visit daily. The purpose of UNAC is to better equip the local, district, and national workers to use the tools the Lord gives them for these turbulent times. The morning prayer was likewise a benefit to those who attended. The Lord met the people there daily and He poured His blessings upon the saints in abundance.

Another brilliant aspect of this meeting was the witness given the city of Indianapolis by our delegates. Daily, the local newspapers featured stories on the component parts of UNAC. The stories were upbeat and positive. There was no negative press about anything in which the saints participated. This UNAC provided the Church Of In Christ an opportunity to visit the city which serves as headquarters for another Pentecostal group: The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. The large oneness "Jesus Only" body welcomed the saints in the spirit of fellowship. It was rich and the precursor of how things will be in heaven.

During the meeting our Presiding Bishop Ford attended many activities. He conducted a summit meeting of leaders and again shared more of his unfolding vision for the Church Of God In Christ. He heard committee reports from his feasibility committee and is yet in the process of making his decision about the senior housing ear marked for Memphis. The Bishop was strong in his conviction to be progressive and build, but only stated views which suggest he will move with caution. He knows where the Church is going. He also attended a special function held in his honor. At the historic Madame C.J. Walker Urban Life Center, he was honored by national, state, and local governmental officials. Accolades from the representatives of Senator Richard G. Lugar, U.S. Congressman Andy Jacobs, Governor Evan Byah and Mayor Dick Hudnut were given. The Governor's office presented Bishop Ford with the highest civic award the state of Indiana presents. Bishop Ford received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award and joined the list of the few presidents,



Bishop Ford receives highest civic award in Indiana, "Sagamore on the Wabash" from a representative of Governor Evan Byah.

diplomats, and world figures so honored. The affair was hosted by Bishop and Mrs. Milton Hall of Indiana First Jurisdiction. A special thanks was given to Mrs. Delores J. Gross-Johnson of Indianapolis for her diligent work.

UNAC has always been noted for the preached word. Both clergy and missionaries stood with powerful messages. Among the speakers in the 16th UNAC were Elder Rance Allen (Ohio), Bishop Frank Smith (Texas), Evangelist Robin L. Owens (Tennessee), Elder Charles Lewis (Florida), Evangelist Verniece A. Dandridge (Illinois), Elder Jerry Macklin (California), Elder Reggie Williams (Texas), Elder R. Smith (Michigan), and Evangelist James M. Martin, Elder R. Spencer, and UNAC-5 Chairman, Bishop F.E. Perry (Ohio). No one spared any energy bringing the word of God. Each message drove home the purpose of why so many people were there, and of course that purpose is Jesus.

Possibly the two outstanding events of the convention were the messages of Chairman Perry and the Presiding Bishop Ford. Bishop Ford stood

before the crowd and was moved by the large number of saints. He noticed the mass of young men in the crowd and the spirit moved upon him to call all men and boys to the altar. Bishop Ford sent the bishops down from the pulpit to anoint each one of the fathers and sons. Literally hundreds of fathers and sons stood before the altar and received the personal blessing of the Presiding Bishop. It was a sight to behold and one most people will long keep in mind as an act of God's care. Bishop Ford stated the Lord is needed more than ever, if the lives of our young men are to be preserved and developed during times as these. The bishop gave words of power and encouragement to the congregation and then preached. Bishop F.E. Perry preached a noble message likewise. He is a down to earth and powerful presenter that people can relate with very easily. He put the finishing touches on the theme and the Lord lifted the house. It seemed that night, the music and prayers were just right to create the atmosphere for some good gospel preaching.

THE CHURCH, THE WAR, AND THE REVOLUTION

By Dr. Samuel A. Fluker

The Black Church has definitely been affected by the Black Revolution and the War in the Middle East. While the revolution asks them to have Black Nationalistic attitudes, the war asks them to identify with the aims of larger America. Young blacks have been involved and have concentrated their energies toward ideologically "cleaning up" the situation in the world. Now, the ideology is over and young men were being asked to put their lives on the line.

Now the word militant takes on new meaning. It no longer means "talking back" to the powers that be — it means taking up arms against a foreign aggressor. It is confused by arguments of whether internal feuds with the "white man" take precedent over external feuds with America's enemies. The question which is left is "Are the Enemies of America's State Department the Enemies of Young Black Men and Women in the Local Community?"

When people turn toward the Church to answer these difficult questions, we must look at some interesting statistics. A recent estimate of church attendance recorded that 11.4 million black people attend church — about half the African American population.

Of this number, approximately 1.6 million have joined predominantly "white" congregations. The white congregations are split between patriotism and the meaning of a "just" war. The first brings on flag-waving while the second has a tendency to bring on "peace marching."

HOW DOES THE BLACK CHURCH ANSWER?

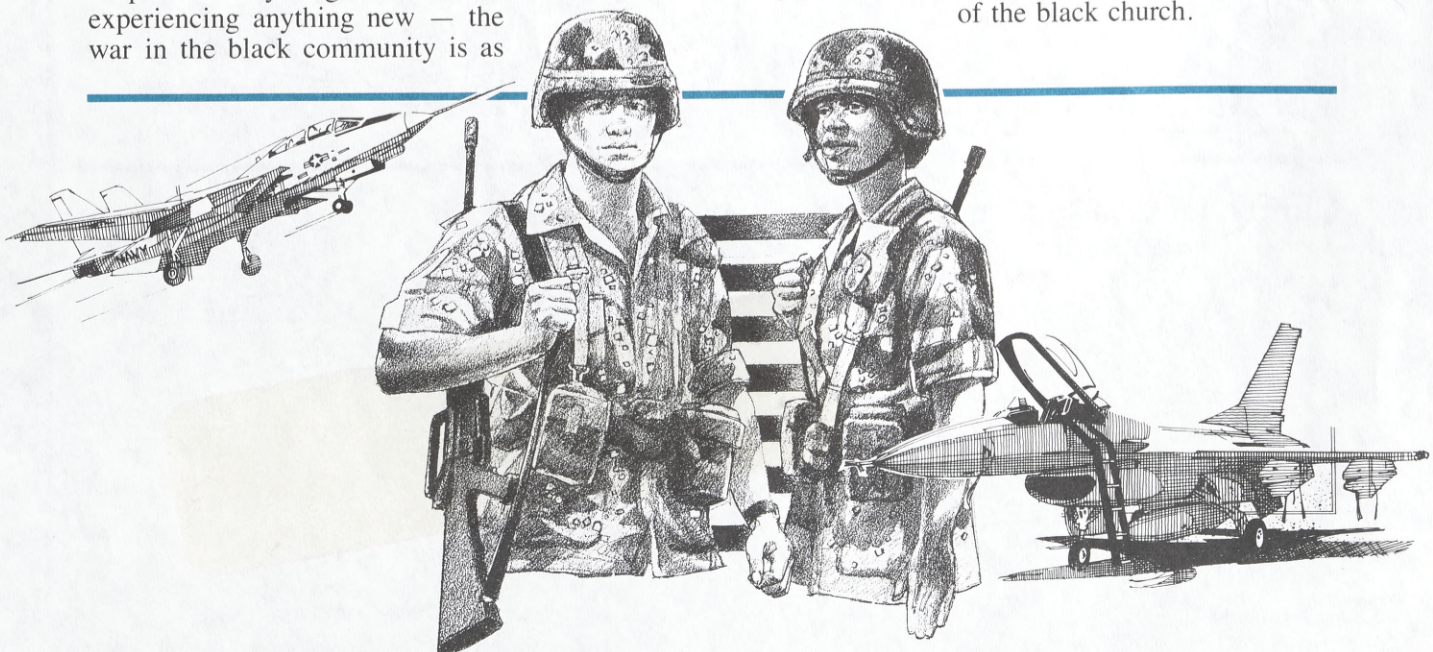
Though the black church continues to grow in many areas, the most dramatic growth of the black church is the Holiness Pentecostal.

How do these hand clapping, tongue speaking, feet patting, miracle seeking, dancing, moaning ministers respond to the Middle East crisis? We simply follow the scriptures and the marching orders of St. Matthew. That is, as my motto puts it — Total Involvement For Christ." There is nothing new under the sun — War is not new, being poor is not new, and tyrants and dictators are not new. Evil, we know, has not a body but a spirit. The young black in America is not experiencing anything new — the war in the black community is as

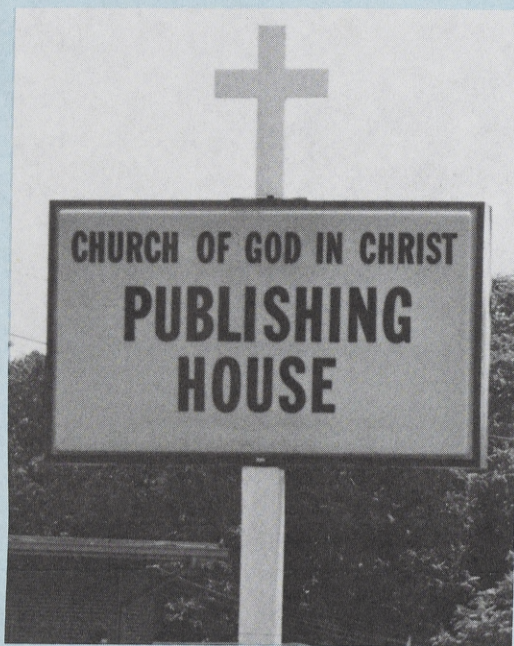
consistent as the bombing in Iraq — drugs, gangs, absurdities and senseless deaths continue. It is the spirit of war that we must combat, spirit which must be contained by militant intervention —

Yes, we should stand up against evil wherever it occurs, but we must not let the State Department determine for us the location of the enemy and where to fight it.

We must continue to be in touch with the scriptures as much as we are in touch with CNN (Cable News). Once we are in touch with the instructions from the scriptures, we will be able to adjust to the struggles against poverty, ignorance and evil — the three modern enemies of the black church.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 1, 1991

Dear Dr. Hall:

Greetings and peace be unto you in the name of Jesus. I hope this letter finds you blessed. This letter is about the preservation of Church Of God In Christ local church records. For the past four years it seems that many of our churches are not preserving their records. I can not express how important keeping those old records will be for the future. These records will give us identity, as well as provide us with heritage.

My suggestion would be to appoint a historian within each local church to gather and preserve the history of that local congregation. Perhaps you can pass this suggestion on to someone who may be interested in getting such an idea going. Never before has there been such a need.

Sincerely,

Minister Joe Mitchell
Garland, TX

EDITOR ANSWERS BACK

Dear Minister Mitchell:

You are correct in your suggestion. The preservation of our local church records is vital to understanding our heritage and direction for the future. I hope that anyone reading this letter and being interested will call my office (901) 578-3841. I will share your name and address with them. I am currently working with our own COGIC History Committee, in addition to the Schomburg Library in New York, to begin such activities in our local churches. Keep the banner high my brother.

David A. Hall, D. Min.

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OLDEST ACTIVE PASTOR CELEBRATES



The Lord willing, the Elder O.T. Tillman will turn 101 years of age this August 27, 1991. Elder Tillman is yet preaching, pastoring a church and taking appointments. He is even active with a local television ministry.

Elder Tillman has been preaching since 1923 and was ordained in the ministry in 1926 by the late, Bishop O.T. Jones, Sr. To his credit are many significant first. Elder Tillman is credited for starting the first district choir, he started the first nurses unit in Pittsburgh and he built the first local church building from the ground up. In that sense he was a very important pioneer and man of vision. Yet serving as pastor, Elder Tillman is loved by the saints at the Refuge Church Of God In Christ for his service.

His example as a minister has inspired two of his twelve children to serve the ministry. He also has four grandsons preaching the gospel. Now looking to continue until the Lord say otherwise, "Dad Tillman" as the saints loving refer to him, will be ever faithful and looking for Jesus.

The Whole Truth wishes to salute this stalwart of service and godliness. May his birthday celebration be the best ever and God continue to give him strength for today.

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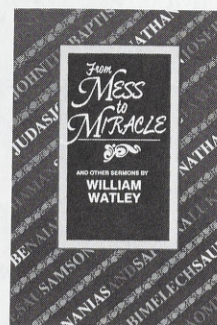
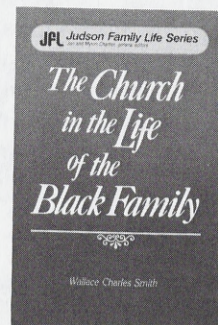
Mrs. Hattie Howard Morrow was born August 25, 1936, in Fairhope, Alabama to the late Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Howard, Sr. She received her education in the Baldwin County School System, Fairhope, Alabama.

She departed this life Saturday morning, October 27, 1990. It is almost a year later and the memory of her life, love and service to God and family yet remains. All the family and saints of Faith Temple Church Of God In Christ miss her devotion to the Lord and warm spirit of friendliness.

Submitted for Her Cherished Memory
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